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1. SUMMARY: AFTERNOON SPEAKERS WERE BRAZIL, ETHIOPIA,
GUINEA, BYELORUSSIA, BANGLADESH, UGANDA, SOMALIA AND
GUINEA-BISSAU. SPEECHES WERE GENERALLY CONGRATULATORY
OF CANADIAN SWEDISH INITIATIVES CANCELLING DEBT TO
POOREST COUNTRIES, AND EXPRESSIONS OF DISAPPOINTMENT AT
RESULTS OF CIEC IN VARYING DEGREES. MOST G-77 SPEAKERS
REITERATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR 1980 SPECIAL ECONOMIC
SESSION. END SUMMARY.

2. BRAZIL- AMBASSADOR SERGIO CORREA DA COSTA DELIVERED
BRAZILIANS' SECOND COMMITTEE STATMENT. DA COSTA
BEMOANED CIEC RESULTS BUT EXPRESSED THE HOPE FOR CONTIN-
UED ECONOMIC DIALOGUE, WHILE CRITICIZING THE RESULTS
OF THE 31ST RESUMED SESSION, HE STATED THAT IF SOLE
FACTOR FOR ITS FAILURE WAS INABILITY TO AGREE ON THE
ASSESSMENT OF THE PARIS RESULTS, THEN THE PROSPECTS
FOR THE FUTURE WERE RELATIVELY BRIGHT. IF THE
SUBSTANTIAL DIFFICULTIES TURNED ON THE QUESTION OF
THE RESUMPTION OF FUTURE WORK WITHIN THE FRAME-
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WORK OF THE UN SYSTEM, THEN PROSPECTS FOR
CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WERE BLEAK. DA COSTA
EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE PERUVIAN PROPOSAL TO
ESTABLISH A NEW UN ECONOMIC FORUM AND THE ARGENTINE
IDEA OF A "MINI-PROGRAM" OF ACTION FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

3. ETHIOPIA - A MODERATE STATEMENT, TOUCHING ON

THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF CIEC AND DEVELOPED/
DEVELOPING COUNTRY ECONOMIC IMBALANCE; MINOR REF-
ERENCE TO THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE ARMS RACE; AND
CONGRATULATIONS TO SWEDEN/CANADA FOR THEIR ANNOUNCED
DEBT CANCELLATION POLICIES.

4. GUINEA - STATEMENT CONTAINED A LONG LIST OF
DEVELOPING/DEVELOPED COUNTRY ISSUES. THEY ALSO MADE
REFERENCE TO THE GROWING EFFECTIVENESS OF REGIONAL
COOPERATION IN WEST AFRICA.

5. BYELORUSSIA SSR - THE CUSTOMARY SOVIET DETENTE,
ARMS LIMITATION, DISOWNERSHIP OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR
CURRENT STATE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, COLLAPSE OF THE
PARIS TALKS STATEMENT, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO
GA RESES 3488(XXX) AND 3508(XXX) IN THE CONTEXT
OF DEVELOPING THE NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY.

6. BANGLADESH - STATEMENT TOUCHED UPON THE NEED
FOR FURTHER UNTYING OF ASSISTANCE; SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES
FOR THE NEW IDS; AND SUGGESTED A "CONFERENCE ON
INTERNATIONAL RIVERS" TO DIRECTLY ADDRESS THE QUESTION
OF THE MANAGEMENT OF SHARED RIVER RESOURCES.

7. UGANDA - THE UGANDA STATEMENT DEALT WITH THE
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USUAL RANGE OF ECONOMIC QUESTIONS BEFORE THE SECOND
COMMITTEE. DEL SUGGESTED THAT WHILE TOP PRIORITY BE
GIVEN TO THE POOREST, THE MEDIUM INCOME COUNTRIES SHOULD
NOT BE NEGLECTED. UGANDAN DEL ALSO MADE PASSING
REFERENCE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A "CONFERENCE ON INFLATION".

8. SOMALIA - AS DID OTHERS, SOMALIA REITERATED ITS
SUPPORT FOR THE G-77 MINISTERIAL DECLARATION CALLING
FOR A SPECIAL ECONOMIC SESSION IN 1980.

9. GUINEA-BISSAU - THEY DREW ATTENTION TO GA RES
3421(XXX) AND UNCTAD 99(IV) REGARDING FAVORABLE
CONSIDERATION TO NEWLY INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND
INDICATED THAT A RESOLUTION SUPPORTED BY THE
AFRICAN GROUP ON IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC SITUATION
IN GUINEA-BISSAU WOULD BE CIRCULATED. CONGRATULATED
SWEDEN AND CANADA ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF THEIR ODA DEBT
CANCELLATIONS.
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